

STATEMENT.

Summary of examination of: BEL BALADUR RAI,
Occupation: Sergeant Instructor,
Burma Regimental Centre.
Address: Burma Regimental Centre,
Maymyo.

Duly sworn, states: I am 26 years of age, of Gurkha nationality, born in Akyab and stationed in Maymyo.

I was a prisoner of war of the Japanese, and during my internment I was made to work for the Kempei Tai as an interpreter.

During June 1944 I was with a detachment of Kempei Tai in HOFIN, looking for Allied parachutists. One day a British infantry Corporal and two British Privates were brought to our house by local Burmese. I do not know which unit they belonged to, but I believe they belonged to 77 Brigade. The Japanese in charge - Sgt. MAJ. IWAKI (1 line 3 stars) told me to take the three soldiers upstairs and guard them, which I did. The Corporal had a bad wound in his throat, and was unable to eat or drink; when he drank the water came out from the wound in his throat, and even breathing was very difficult. He asked me for medical aid I asked IWAKI, who said he would try to get some, though none was ever given. After two days the Corporal died, and the two Privates and I buried him nearby.

The day after the Corporal died, a third private was brought in by the villagers. This Private was kept in the room with the others.

The following day, IWAKI said to me that, as the battle was close and as there was little food, he was going to get permission from some superior officer to execute the three prisoners. He went away and came back after about 30 minutes, and told me that he had obtained the necessary permission. We went upstairs, and IWAKI had the three Privates tied together by their wrists. He told them that he was going to kill them and that they could take anything they liked from their kit. IWAKI myself and IWAKI's orderly, an African P.O.W. Named Baseinkuatav went with the three Privates to a place near HOFIN station where there was a bomb crater. IWAKI told the three Privates to kneel down in the crater. He said that they were his enemies, that he was going to kill them and that they should say their last prayers. They knelt down, and after a short period of silence, IWAKI leant down, and shot the three one by one in the back of the head with a revolver. The last one to be shot did not die at once, so Iwaki drew his Burmese dah and cut twice at the back

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of his neck. When he saw that they were all dead, IWAKI ordered his orderly to cover them with earth from the edge of the crater, and then we left.)

(Signed) Sd/. BEL BAHADUR RAI.

Interpreter not required.

Sworn before me (signature) Illegible
(rank) Capt. R.A.
(description) W.C.I.T.2
this fourth day of July 1946.
detailed to examine the above by the Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Land Forces, South East Asia.

Certified that the above is the true copy of the statement of Bel Bahdur Rai.

Date: 13.9.46.

(Signed) W.M. AGARWAL, Capt.
16 W.C.I.T.

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(下記者) 訊問ノ大要

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ビルマ聯隊本部付軍曹教官

メイヤウ、ビルマ聯隊本部氣付

正式ニ宣誓シテ、左ノ如ク陳述スル、私ハ「グル
カ」國籍、廿六才デ「アキヤブ」ニ生レ「メイミヤ
ウ」ニ居タ。

私ハ日本人ニ依リ俘虜トナリ、抑留中通譯トシテ日
本憲兵隊ニ勤務サセラレタ。

一九四四年六月、私ハ「ホビン」ノ日本憲兵隊ノ分
遣隊ニ居テ聯合軍ノ落下傘部隊員ヲ探シテキタ。或
日一人ノ英國歩兵伍長ト二人ノ英國兵卒ガソノ土地
ノ「ビルマ」人ニ依リ我等ノ家ヘ連れラレテ來タ。
私ハ彼等ガドノ隊ニ屬シテ居ルカ知ラナイガ、タシ
カニ第七十七旅團ニ屬シテ居タト思フ係リノ日本人
「岩木曹長（一條ニ三ツ星）」ハ——私ニ三人ヲ二
階ニ連れテ行キ監視スルヤウ命ジタ私ハソウシタ。
伍長ハ喉ニ重傷ヲ負ツテ居テ飲ミ食ヒ共ニ不可能デ
アツタ。彼ガ水ヲ飲ンダ時水ガ喉ノ傷カラ出テ來テ
呼吸サヘモ非常ニ困難デアツタ。彼ハ私ニ醫療ヲ求
メタ。私ハ岩木ニ頼ンダガ岩木ハ何カ治療ヲ求メル
様努力スルト云ツタガ結局何等ノ醫療ハ與ヘラレナ

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カツタ。二日後其伍長ハ死亡シ二人ノ兵卒及私ハ附近ニ彼ヲ埋葬シタ。

伍長ガ死亡シタ翌日三番目ノ兵卒ガ村人ニ連れラレテ來タ彼ハ他ノ二人ト同ジ部屋ニ抑留サレタ。翌日戦鬪ハ近ツイタシ食糧ガ極少イカラ三人ノ俘虜ヲ處刑スルヤウ上官カラ許可ヲ得ル占ロダト岩木ハ私ニ話シタ彼ハ出テ行キ約三十分間後歸ツテ來テ必要ナ許可ヲ得タト私ニ告ゲタ、我等ハ二階ニ行キ岩木ハ三人ノ兵卒ノ手頸ヲ一諸ニ結ヘタ。彼ハ三人ニ向ツテスグ殺サレルノダカラ何デモ好キナ物ヲ雜囊カラ取ツテモ宜シイト云ツタ。

岩木、私及岩木ノ當番兵ノ「アフリ辺ノ俘虜ノ「ベセインクアトフルハ三人ノ兵卒ト爆弾々痕ノアル「ホビン」停車場ノ附近ノ或場所ニ行ツタ。岩木ハ三人ノ兵卒ニ孔穴ノ中デ跪クヤウニ命ジタ。彼ハオ前ニ三人ハ自分ノ敵デアルソシテ自分ハオ前ニ殺スノダカラ最後ノ祈禱ヲ捧ゲルヤウニ命ジタ。彼等ハ跪ツイタ、暫クノ沈黙ノ後岩木ハ身ヲ屈メ拳銃ヲ以テ三人ヲ一人又一人ト後頭部ヲ射ツタ。最後ノ一人ハ即死シナカツタノデ岩木ハ「ビルマ」ノ大刀ヲ引キ抜イテ頸ノ背部ヲ二度切ツタ、彼ハ三人ガ皆死ンダノヲ見極メテ岩木ハ彼ノ當番兵ニ孔穴ノ端ヨリ土ヲ掛ケテ三人ヲ埋メル様ニ命ジタソシテ我等ハ立去ツタ。

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